

State of MTA

Annual Marketer Survey



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Attribution Is Overrated

Let's be honest: Multi-touch attribution (MTA) has always been challenging to pull off. Even before Facebook and Apple walled off their data...

Mar 4, 2022

 Ad Age

Cookie death threatens multi-touch attribution, study finds

Multi-touch attribution (MTA) is the process by which marketers track people's journeys across every possible ad and marketing "touchpoint"...

Dec 2, 2021

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MTA is dead: Why marketers should adopt an agile marketing ...

You surely remember it: those days in the not-so-distant past when Multi-Touch Attribution— or "MTA"— was hailed as the marketing save-all.

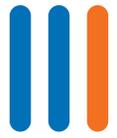
May 18, 2020

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Digital Marketing Measurement Demands a New 'Plan A'

This means we immediately need to say goodbye to view-through based KPIs, multi-touch attribution, and our ambition for deduplicated reach...

Jun 15, 2021



We have been tracking the state of attribution for 6 years. We will focus on three important questions:

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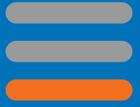
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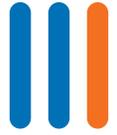
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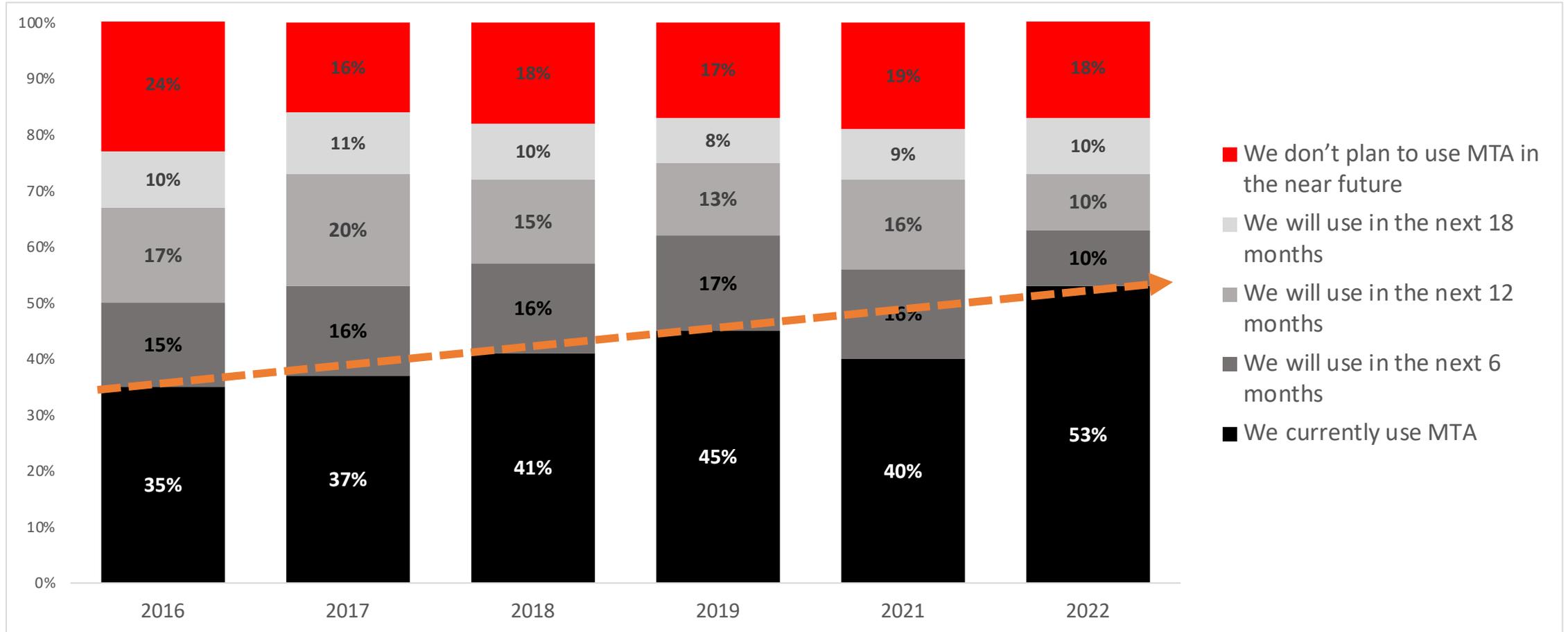
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MTA adoption picks up after a drop in 2021

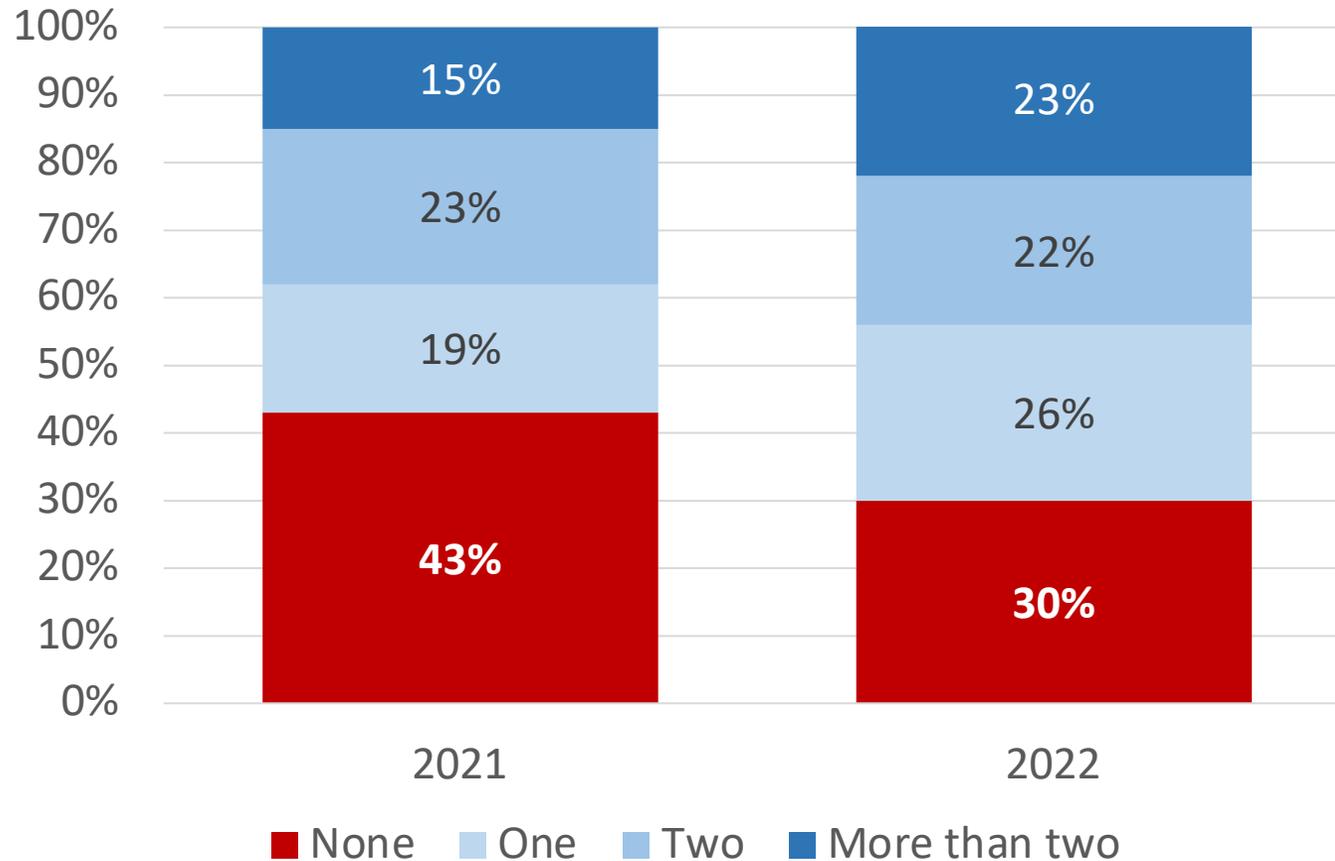
Percentage of companies currently using MTA or planning to do so in the future

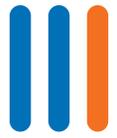




Marketers continue to experiment with MTA and gain more experience working with solutions providers

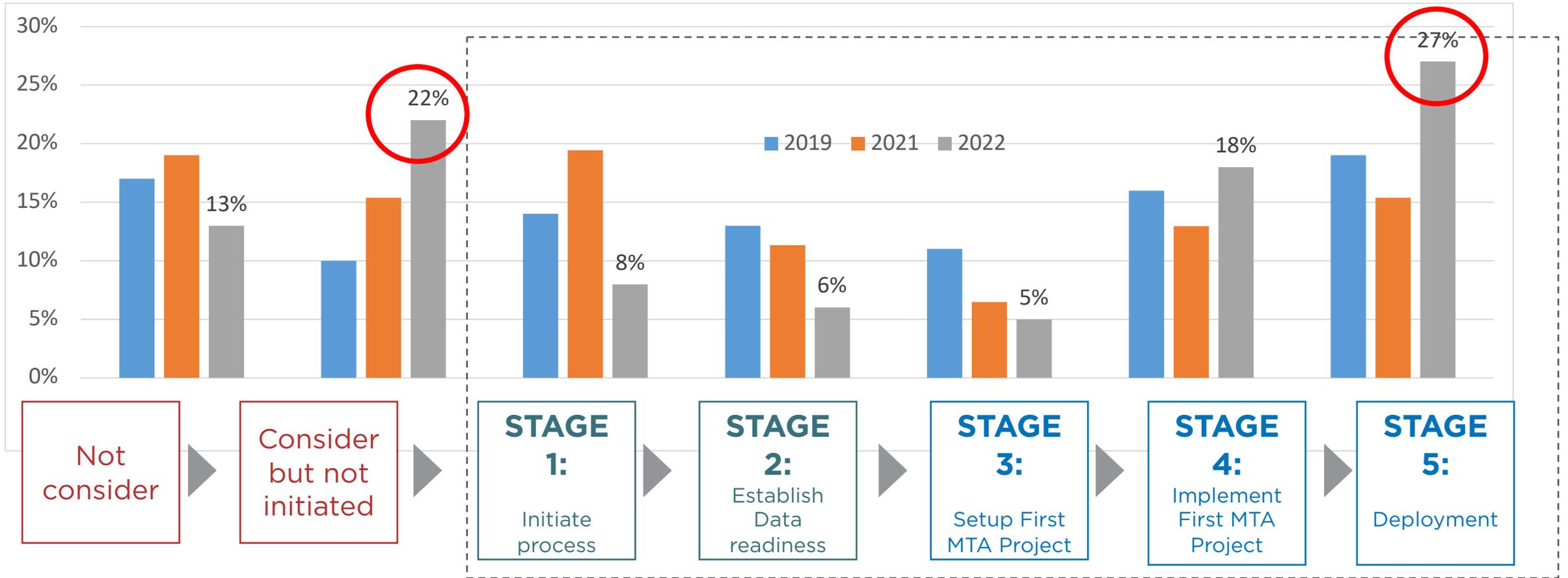
How many MTA vendors have you *personally* worked with in the past?
(in your current organization or in a previous role)





MTA maturity increases, as more marketers reach full deployment.

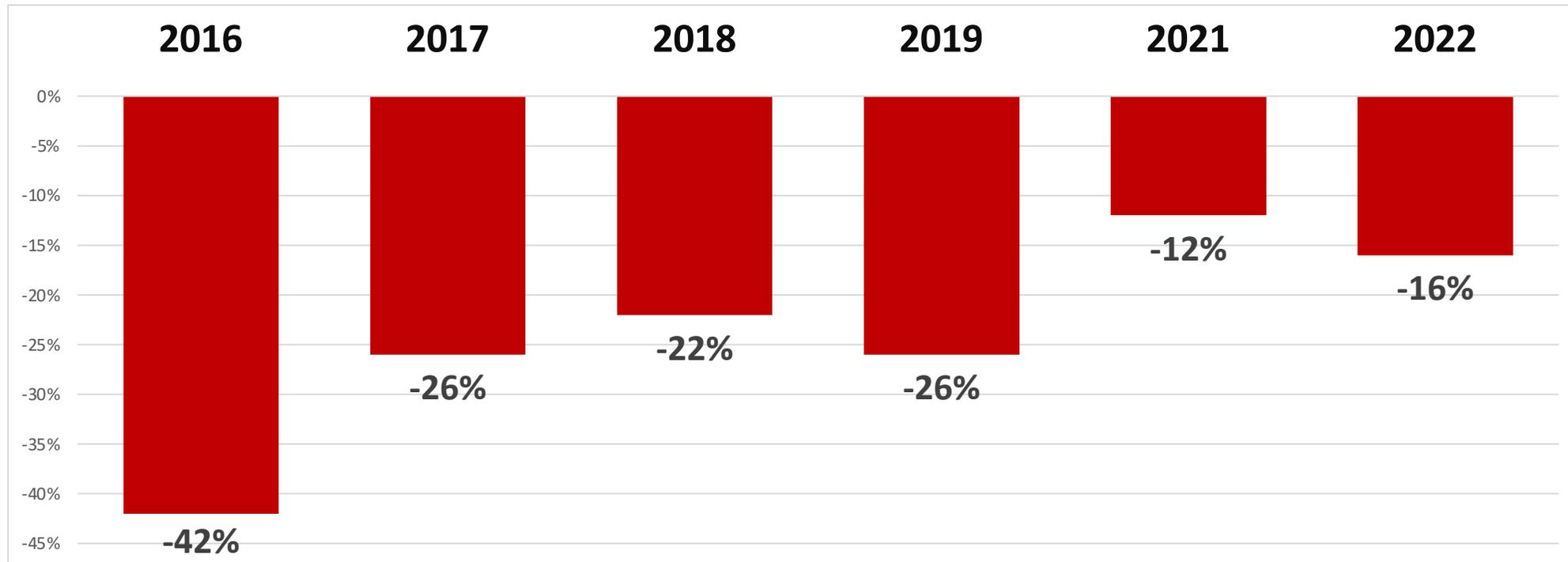
Stages of MTA adoption





Despite the progress, NPS of MTA providers remains negative and fairly unchanged since last year.

Net Promoter Score of MTA solution



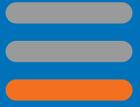


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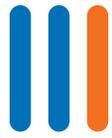


- 1.Higher adoption**
- 2.More experience**
- 3.Remains challenging**



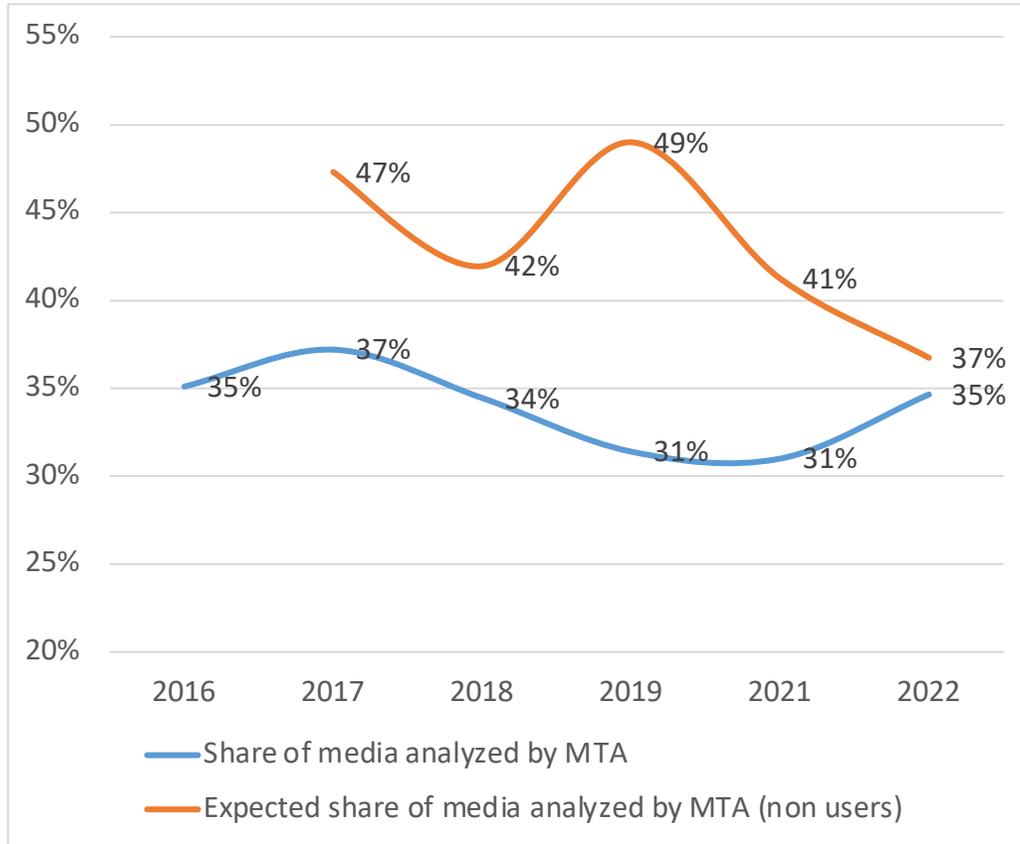
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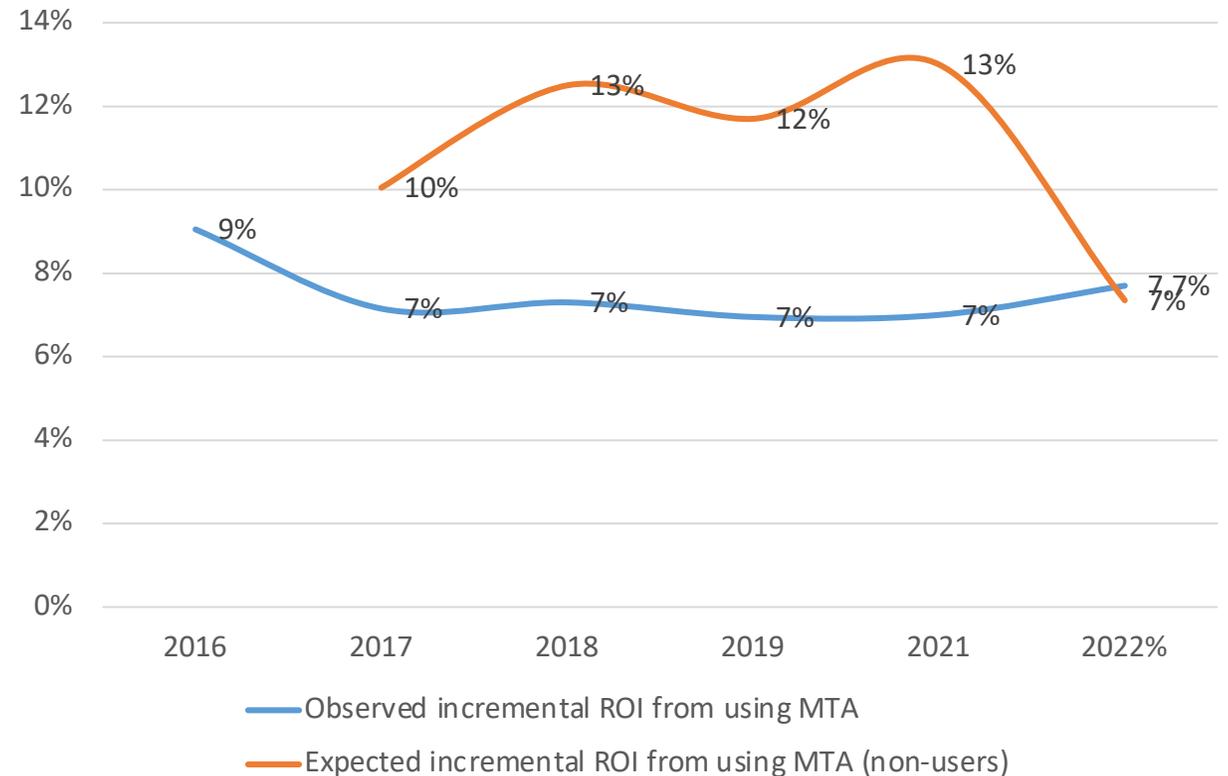


As MTA matures, expectations and reality come closer together in terms of its role and contribution.

Share of media analyzed by MTA (%)



Expected ROI increase due to MTA usage



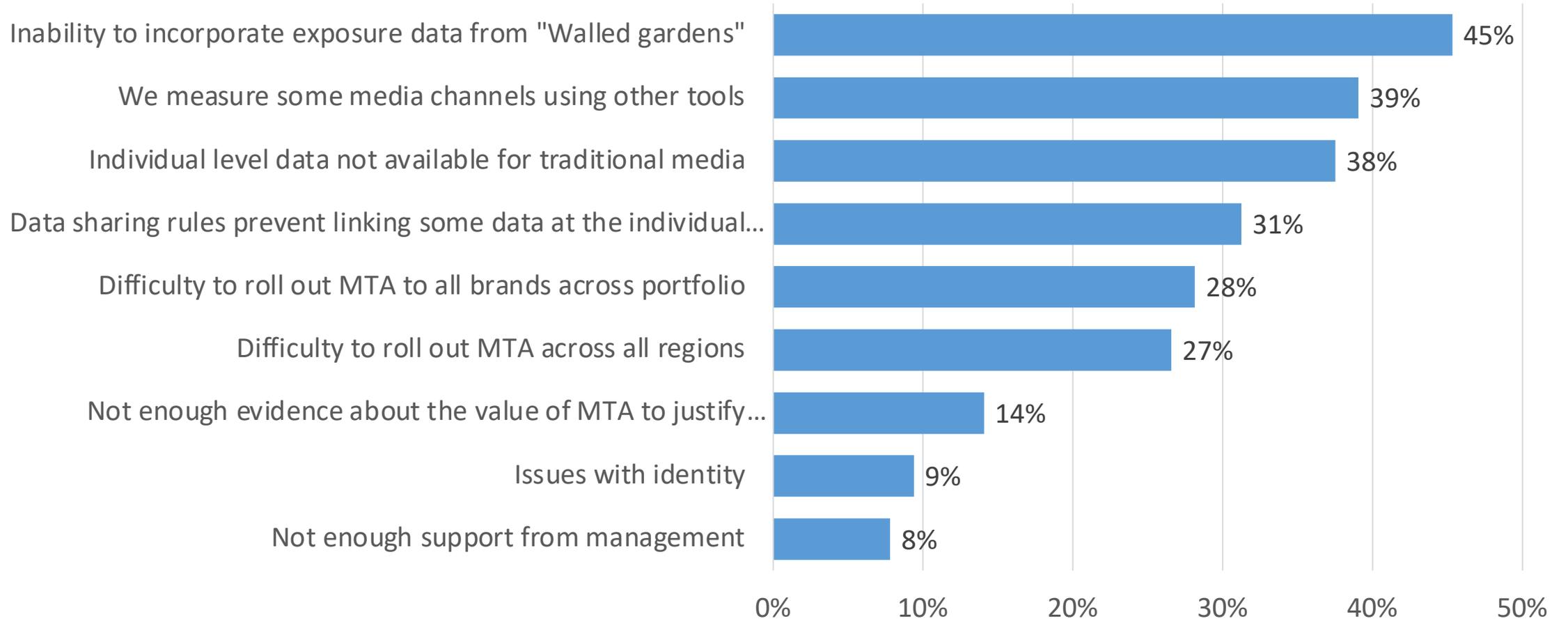
Q: On average, what percent of your total marketing spending would you want to be able to evaluate using MTA after a year of onboarding an MTA solution? Sample size in NA; Users: N=64, Non users N=39* small sample

Q: Based on your experience, what do you think is the average impact/lift of using your MTA solution on the total ROI of your marketing activities? Sample size in NA; Users: N=64, Non users N=39* small sample



MTA is typically not seen as a holistic attribution solution.

Main reasons/barriers that prevent marketers use their MTA solution more broadly (%)



What are the main reasons that you don't use MTA to assess your total media spend? (Users)



MTA is increasingly seen as a crucial part of unified measurement, among both users and non-users

71%

MTA Users

59%

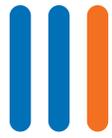
MTA is crucial as part of an ensemble of measurement solutions that include MMM and experimental design

46%

MTA Non-Users

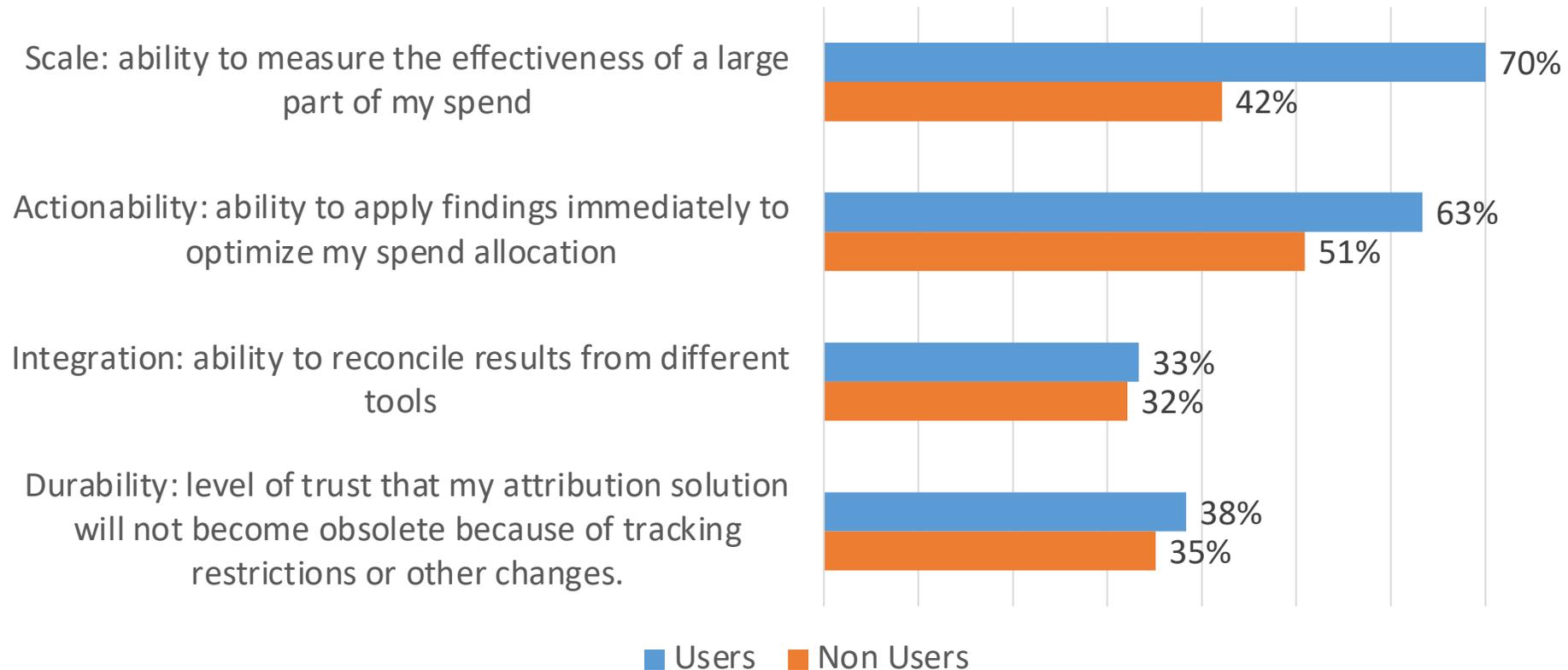
Finally, which of the following statements do you agree with when it comes to MTA? N=105, users and non-users



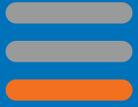


MTA enhances scale and actionability in marketing productivity measurement

Satisfaction in each of the following areas (MTA users vs non-users)



Thinking about all the tools that you use to perform attribution in a unified way, what is your level of satisfaction in each of the following areas? Total sample MTA users N=60, Non-users N=57

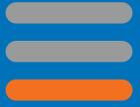


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How do marketers see the role of MTA in the context of unified measurement?



1. Expectations and reality come closer together.
2. MTA is seen as a crucial part of unified measurement.
3. Scale and actionability benefits associated with MTA.



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How satisfied are marketers overall with their ability to measure the impact of their marketing efforts?

There is still a long way to go in terms of reconciling results from different tools, especially when it comes to measuring brand.

Ability to reconcile MTA with other tools

	Fully/to a good extent
MMM – Marketing Mix modeling and using aggregate data and regression modeling	48.72%
Click through reports	39.13%
Experimental design, A/B testing and other test marketing	38.10%
Brand trackers	21.95%

To what extent have you managed to reconcile your MTA results with those from each of the following methods? N=60



Many marketers still feel unable to conclusively determine which tactics perform best

Top Problem statements in marketing productivity and attribution

46%

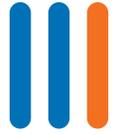
How to determine which channels, creative assets, and publishers are producing highest return on marketing investment

38%

Identifying KPIs for measuring marketing effectiveness, including benchmarks & measurement approaches

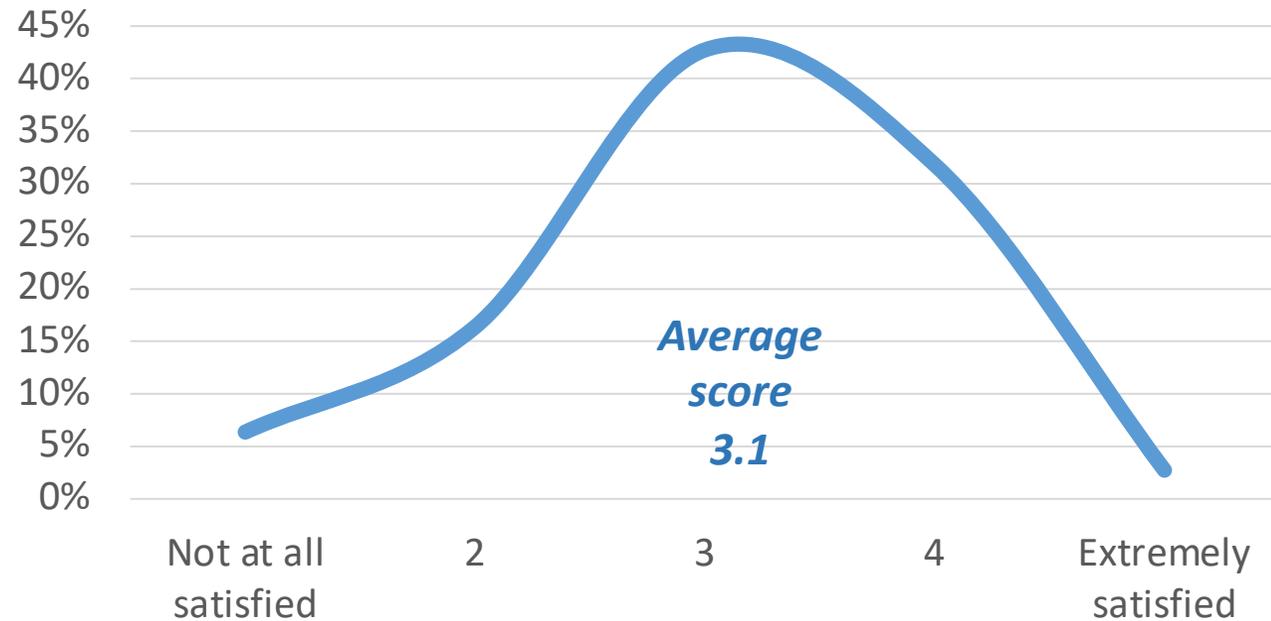
Which of the following potential MMA initiatives would most benefit you and your organization in 2022? Please pick your top 3. N=105





More effort is needed to consolidate results into clear and actionable scorecards for management

Satisfaction from score card for senior leaders



What is your level of satisfaction with the score card that senior leaders use from the standpoint of campaign effectiveness and attribution metrics? Sample size N=110



Conclusions: State of MTA in 2022



State of MTA:

Higher adoption, more experience, still challenging.

Role in Unified measurement:

More clarity that an ensemble is needed, with MTA at the core.

Confidence in measurement & attribution

More work is needed to clarify metrics, reconcile and distill results for management.